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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

For years I languished as an AT&T DSL customer. The service was spotty at best, overpriced, and the customer service was the poorest I experienced compared to all the other companies I have done business with. Not to mention that AT&T's ability to innovate or provide a modern internet service is nonexistent, likely due to their near monopoly in my, and many municipalities. Why would they be motivated to provide better service at competitive prices when they can squash competition through anti-competitive business practices and lax regulation by captured local and national government agencies?

However, I now have the privileged, and I truly feel like it is a privilege, to have fiber optic based internet service provided by Sonic. Sonic's customer service has been impeccable. Their price versus value of far outstrips anything AT&T has ever offered me. It was a easy decision to immediately signup for Sonic as soon as I received their first advertisement.

Sonic is competing and competition is important to consumers like me. I now have 10 times the service at 2/3rds the price. AT&T and other established internet service providers have given up on competition through better products and innovation. They compete through rules, regulations, and laws passed by court rooms, municipal boards, state legislation, and federal agencies, not through avenues that actual ADD to our local communities in tangible and positive ways.

Why would you, FCC commissioner, ever cast a vote to limit local competition? Prove you are not looking out for only the big companies' interests. Prove you are not a captured agency. Prove you are voting for innovation and not stagnation.

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